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Grudge Match Special - The Beer Bellies (Halfling) vs Monk's Thunderbolt (Chaos)

At the beginning of a new campaign season, following a lengthy ban of Blood Bowl™ in Southern Rijkland due to the extreme bloodletting caused by the **Chaos All Stars™** after a particularly grueling match against the **Gouged Eye™ Blood brothers** selection (rumours of Chaos gods and demons running amok were unfounded, but the centre of Zürichheim will never be the same...), several teams have already come forward to announce their wish to continue the time-honoured tradition of mayhem and bloodshed on the pitch. The stadium has also been reopened and there are plans for a second and perhaps even third pitch!

While the league planning is underway (several initial meetings at the Golder Grand Inn have taken place amongst close security), a first match has today been successfully concluded between the **Beer Bellies** Halfling team and **Monk's Thunderbolt** Chaos Team.

Standard Rules were played by mutual agreement, which did not prevent both teams entering the pitch and immediately declaring a grudge match (this reporter has never seen an organiser fleeing the pre-match announcement patch so quickly – the only time faster was back in 2457 when the organiser was smitten by a thunderbolt (**Chaos All Stars™** again...)).

The **Beer Bellies** had secured the services of *Deeprout Strongbranch* to aid them in their quest for the first win of the new season, as well as Masterchef *Harold Underhill* and Apothecary *Ivan Igorson*. A total of 13 halflings made themselves ready for the struggle against the **Monk's Thunderbolt** team, fielding no star players and no supporting staff whatsoever...three Chaos Warriors supported by eight Chaos Beastmen were all that seemed required. While 50,000 eager Halfling supporters wished to cheer their team to victory, only 10,000 Chaos fans followed the call to arms.

In the first half, inspired by reasonable cooking (we know *Harold Underhill* to be capable of much more), Monk's Thunderbolt lost a Team Re-Roll, which The Beer Bellies desperately needed, as they were unable to capitalize on superior numbers and their star player. Relatively little happened for most of the first half, only in the closing stages did the Chaos team begin to thin out the ranks of the Halflings, who ended the half with one dead (resuscitated by *Ivan Igorson*), one badly hurt and three knocked out. Inspired by Ivan's surgical techniques, the Bellies managed to knock out one Chaos Warrior and two Beastmen and the *Hon. Freddie Arbuthnot* stormed down the pitch, successfully evading three blocks and dodging and weaving tremendously well, only to overstretch himself when going for it to get himself within striking distance of the end zone and falling over to spill the ball.

The second half started with a reduced Monks team, as only two of the knocked out players woke up in time, the Halflings replenished their ranks from the reserves bench and managed to wake up another to still have one reserve left. This did not help them though, as the Monks played a quick snap, pushed back the Bellies...who had also managed to kick the ball so badly, it was fielded by *Gustav Stiersson* (Chaos Beastman), who dashed forward towards the Bellies' endzone. Despite desperate blocking attempts, the Bellies were unable to prevent him from scoring in the third round – **Monk's Thunderbolt 1 : Beer Bellies 0.**

After kick-off, the Bellies were able to grab the ball again, in an inspired move, the *Hon. Freddy Arbuthnot* dodged out of a tackle zone, picked up the ball *Clint Eastwood* had lost shortly before (being badly hurt in the process) and moved to foul *Ryan Scuttlebutt* (Chaos Warrior) just short of the sideline. So inspired and unexpected was this foul, that *Ryan* was seriously injured.

It being so late in the game, the Bellies had no chance of getting anywhere with the ball and after some additional blocking, the game finished Monk's Thunderbolt 1: Beer Bellies 0 – Casualties: Monk's Thunderbolt: 4 – Beer Bellies: 1

We look forward to the next time we see these teams on the pitch!

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